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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

M/V AMBASSADOR, its engines, boilers,  
furniture, tackle, apparel, etc., *in rem* and  
MARBULK CANADA INC., *in personam*,

Defendants.

11 Civ. 4439 (NRB)

**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF RIGHT AND INTEREST**  
**BY OWNER MARBULK CANADA INC.**

Pursuant to Rule C(6) of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims (“Supplemental Rules”), Marbulk Canada Inc. (“Marbulk”), through its attorneys Blank Rome LLP, now appears and states that it was at the time of filing of the Complaint herein, and still is, the true and *bona fide* owner the M/V AMBASSADOR, her tackle, etc. and by its appearance herein makes claim to said vessel.

Wherefore, Marbulk intends to defend this action on behalf of the M/V AMBASSADOR and demonstrate that there is no lien or otherwise any grounds to impose liability on the M/V AMBASSADOR.

All papers served in this matter by any party should be directed to the undersigned counsel for Marbulk.

New York, New York

Dated: July 20, 2011

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AMBASSADOR AND MARBULK  
CANADA INC.

By: 

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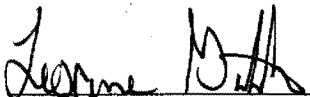
**VERIFICATION**

Richard V. Singleton, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a member of Blank Rome LLP, attorneys for Marbulk Canada Inc. ("Marbulk"), and a member of the Bar of this Court.
2. By the foregoing Verified Statement of Right or Interest by Owner, Marbulk asserts an ownership interest in the M/V AMBASSADOR which is the subject of Plaintiff's Complaint herein.
3. I am fully authorized by Marbulk to make this affidavit on its behalf.
4. I have read the attached Verified Statement of Right or Interest By Owner and know the contents thereof, and it is true and correct based upon my investigation and the information provided to me by Marbulk.

  
Richard V. Singleton

Sworn to before me this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011

  
Notary Public

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